

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 7, 12, 22, and 27-32 have been canceled. New claims 33-41 have been added. Basis for these claims can be found on pages 18-19, for example, of applicant's specification.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 19, 21, 23, and 25 have been amended. The independent claims are amended to include transmitting/receiving a first name table to the at least one non-host peer when the at least one non-host peer joins a session, the name table including a name table entry for each peer within the session, wherein each name table entry contains a version number corresponding to when each peer joined the session. Basis for these amendments can be found on pages 16-19, for example, of applicant's specification. No new matter has been added

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 33-41 are now pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Applicant thanks Examiner Chankong for conducting the interview on March 27, 2006 and for considering the arguments regarding possible amendments to the independent claims to overcome the cited prior art. The content of the interview is further summarized by the above amendments and the remarks below.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 19, 21, 23, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Badovinat *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,793,962 (hereinafter "Badovinat"), in view of Harriman *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,226,687 (hereinafter "Harriman"). In view of the above amendments, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding the independent claims, Badovinat, Harriman, and the combination of Badovinat and Harriman fail to disclose transmitting and receiving a first name table when the

at least one non-host peer joins a session, wherein the name table includes a version number corresponding to when each peer joined the session. Furthermore, Badovinat, Harriman, and the combination of Badovinat and Harriman fail to teach assigning a first unique version number to a first operation request and a second name table. Moreover, Badovinat, Harriman, and the combination of Badovinat and Harriman fail to teach assigning a second unique version number to a second operation request and a third name table. Badovinat, Harriman, and the combination of Badovinat and Harriman, therefore, fail to teach the limitations of the independent claims.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the section 103(a) rejections have been overcome and claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 33-41 are now in condition for allowance. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner believes that any issues remain, he should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 referencing Attorney Docket No. MFPCP.81824.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 3, 2006



Lawrence E. Carter
Reg. No. 51,532

SHOOK, HARDY & BACON L.L.P.
600 14th Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005-2004
Phone: (202) 783-8400